

ACTS: How To Survive A Shipwreck

(Acts 27:9-11)

Introduction

People often find themselves in the middle of a storm for a variety of reasons. Some times storms are the result of bad personal decisions, bad decisions by others, a temptation by Satan, or God strengthening you spiritually.

- A) Loss of someone close
- B) Health issues (Harper Stephenson)
- C) Horrible accident (ASU student impaled by a golf club)
- D) Sometime doing everything right and still difficulty happens.

Too often, the storms we experience result in shipwrecks. A shipwreck is when our lives seemingly crashes and flies apart. Let's notice HOW TO SURVIVE A SHIPWRECK.

Contextualize Acts 27.

Contextualize this sermon in the ACTS series.

I. The Reason For Shipwrecks (v. 9-13)

A) Compulsion (v. 9) “much time had passed . . . “
 (“Let's do something, even if it's wrong.”)

B) Consultation (v. 9-11) “but the centurion . . . “
 (“What a tragedy to receive the counsel of a pagan over the word of God.”)

C) Comfort (v. 12a) “harbor was unsuitable . . . “
 (“Too many decisions are made based on comfort, not conviction.”)

D) Consensus (V. 12) “the majority decided . . . “
 (“The majority is almost always wrong.”)

E) Circumstances (v. 13)

(Too often, we say God if you don't want me to do it, then don't give me the opportunity")

II. The Results of Shipwrecks (v. 15)

A) Wandering (v. 15)

B) Work (v. 16-17)

C) Waste (v. 18)

D) Wishfulness (v. 29)

E) Withdrawl (v. 30)

III. The Rescue From Shipwrecks (v. 20-32)

A) Guarded From The Storm (v. 20-24)

B) Granted Joy In The Storm (v. 25-26)

C) Guided Through The Storm (v. 27-32)

Conclusion